

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1083**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2911**

**By Representative Sherry Jones**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3109**

**By Senator Haynes**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-116, relative to escape from juvenile detention facilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-116(j), is amended by adding a new subdivision (3), as follows:

(3) Any juvenile who:

(A) Is adjudicated to be delinquent;

(B) Is placed in a place of detention other than a secure detention facility, as specified in subsection (a); and

(C) Absconds or attempts to abscond from such facility;

may be charged with the offense of escape or attempted escape and a petition alleging such offense may be filed with the juvenile court of the county in which the alleged offense occurred. Escape or attempted escape from a facility listed in subsection (a)(1) - (3) constitutes an offense which if committed by an adult would be a misdemeanor. If the allegations of the petition are sustained, then the court may make any order of disposition authorized by § 37-1-131.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 15, 2008**



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**APPROVED this 3rd day of June 2008**



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